

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 have been amended. Claims 21-34 have been added. Claims 1-34 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added. The specification of Karl has been translated and submitted in an IDS accompanying this Amendment.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1-3. Claims 1-2, 4, 9 and 12-19 currently stand rejected for allegedly being anticipated by DE Patent 19909143 to Karl (hereinafter “Karl”).

Claim 1

Amended claim 1 recites a sound system for a vehicle comprising at least one door. The sound system includes:

“a loudspeaker having a resonant volume formed by a first cavity situated inside of the door and a second cavity situated outside of the door; and
means for pneumatically coupling the first and second cavities to form the resonant volume.”

Karl fails to disclose or suggest several features of claim 1. For example, claim 1 recites that the first cavity is located in the door. In contrast, Karl merely discloses that the two cavities 7, 8 are both located in the side member 3 of the door sill. Specifically, the English language translation of Karl states “[e]ach of these side members 3, or door sills 4 and 5, are of hollow design and have in their interior a partition 6 running longitudinally in the direction of the vehicle, which partition divides the interior of side member 3 into two cavities 7 and 8:” (Emphasis added, English language translation of Karl). Significantly, the side member 3 of Karl is NOT a door.